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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

NO.

DATE

Lithuanian Section/SR/2



14 July 1956

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S
INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS
	REC'D	FWD'D	
1. Chief, SR/2			
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3. Lithuanian Section			
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Juozas BRAZAITIS

1. [] and the undersigned met with Mr. Juozas BRAZAITIS at a downtown hotel in New York City at 1000 hours on 14 July 1956. The purpose of this meeting was to convince Subject he should agree to be the director of the VLIK radio center.

2. Mr. BRAZAITIS mentioned the newspaper accounts of alleged American aircraft flying over the Baltic area, and asked for the undersigned's opinion on the reliability of the accounts. The undersigned remarked that several possibilities existed; (1) that British or Norwegian aircraft might have flown over the area and had been mistaken for American, and (2) that it might be a possible ruse on the part of the Soviets to perpetuate the "Cold War". The undersigned further remarked that the American Defense officials had definitely stated that American aircraft had not flown over the Baltic area. Mr. BRAZAITIS stated that United States State Department officials had missed an excellent opportunity to rebuff the Soviet allegation by stating that since the United States did not recognize the occupation of Lithuania, that it was Lithuania's prerogative to object to overflights and not the prerogative of the Kremlin.

3. Mr. BRAZAITIS briefly mentioned the Cultural Congress held in Chicago recently. Subject stated the Cultural center of the Lithuanian people was in Cleveland, Ohio, and that the political center of the Lithuanians was in New York City.

4. [] asked Mr. BRAZAITIS what his feelings were toward being the director of the radio center. Mr. BRAZAITIS replied that he would like to accept the position very much, but there were some minor obligations that prevented him from doing so.

[] asked whether the fact that Mr. BRAZAITIS' political party was not in VLIK prevented him from accepting the position. Mr. BRAZAITIS replied that it was not necessary for his party to become a member of VLIK in order for him to accept the position. Mr. BRAZAITIS stated that he had recently purchased a house and had indebted himself to the "DRAUGAS" newspaper for \$2,000, and was obligated to repay it before he could consider accepting the position of director of the radio center.

() replied that a loan of \$2,000 could be made to him, and a salary of \$400 per month would be guaranteed him for one year. Mr. BRAZAITIS replied that given those assurances, he would accept the position as radio director of the radio center, and that he and Mr. MATULIONIS would discuss it in the near future.

5. Mr. BRAZAITIS proposed that the advisory board for the radio center be composed of six persons, namely; (1) the Director; (2) Diplomatic representation; (3) VLIK; (4) ACEN; (5) LNT; and (6) the cultural community. () stated that the more people were on the advisory board, the more difficult it would be to find an agreement. () further stated that he did not think it was necessary to have the cultural community represented. Mr. BRAZAITIS agreed. () suggested that the board be made up of the following people; Mr. BRAZAITIS as the director; Mr. MATULIONIS as the VLIK representative; Mr. LOZORAITIS Jr. the diplomatic representative; Mr. SIDZIKAIUSKAS as the ACEN representative; and someone from LNT. Mr. BRAZAITIS agreed to the people mentioned and stated he would be very agreeable to having Mr. Stasys LOZORAITIS Jr. on the board.

6. The meeting was terminated at approximately 1220 hours.

NOTE: () is known to Subject as ()
The undersigned is known to Subject as ()